

## Coronavirus Rainbow

*"I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9: 13, New Revised Standard Version)*

**RED** – danger; sound the alarm; no entry signs on bars, cafes, and churches; keep your distance, wash your hands, stay at home.

**ORANGE** – the beaks of birds we could hear singing once the traffic had stopped; amber, a waiting place, here for the long haul, don't make plans.

**YELLOW** – daffodils bloomed, wildflowers thrived, buttercups grew in unmowed grass; the sun shone brightly – at least the weather's good, we said, it would be worse to be home in the rain.

**GREEN** – the trees came into leaf, the world turned, pollution was reduced, the earth could breathe again; we walked alone in parks, in fields, beneath the trees.

**BLUE** – for our NHS heroes; we clapped to say thank you; feeling blue, we missed friends and family; we became sad, frustrated, we longed to hug and be hugged.

**INDIGO** – the depths of grief, of lives cut short, of exhaustion and knowing still more would be asked; of mourning, adjusting, of saying goodbye without the celebration.

**VIOLET** – of sorrows carried, of tears shed; of God with us and those we love; of peace amidst the turmoil; of lilac blossom leading into summer; of moving forward, of the resurrection that follows on death's heels.

